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WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An information processing apparatus comprising:
a main body including an operation unit; and
a display unit including a display panel for displaying information, a light source disposed at the lower side of the display panel, an optical waveguide which guides light emitted from the light source upward, and a reflective plate which is disposed at the upper side of the display panel and which reflects a part of the light guided by the optical waveguide,

wherein the reflective plate reflects the part of the light guided by the optical waveguide to illuminate the operation unit.

2. An information processing apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising a reflective-plate hinge which retains the reflective plate such that the reflective plate can pivot.

3. An information processing apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein the reflective plate reflects the part of the light guided by the optical waveguide toward the display panel depending on the angle of the reflective-plate hinge, and the display panel reflects the light incident on the

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display panel to illuminate the operation unit.

4. An information processing apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the display panel is a liquid crystal panel, and is illuminated by the light guided by the optical waveguide.

5. An information processing apparatus comprising:
a main body including an operation unit; and
a display unit including a display panel for displaying information, a light source disposed at the upper side of the display panel, a reflective plate which reflects light emitted from the light source, an optical waveguide which guides the light emitted from the light source downward,
wherein the reflective plate reflects the light emitted from the light source to illuminate the operation unit.

6. An information processing apparatus according to Claim 5, further comprising a reflective-plate hinge which retains the reflective plate such that the reflective plate can pivot.

7. An information processing apparatus according to Claim 6, wherein the reflective plate reflects the light emitted from the light source toward the display panel

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depending on the angle of the reflective-plate hinge, and the display panel reflects the light incident on the display panel to illuminate the operation unit.

8. An information processing apparatus according to Claim 5, wherein the display panel is a liquid crystal panel, and is illuminated by the light guided by the optical waveguide.